AT THE 'VILLE

Death of Mrs. B. F. Lincoln. The community was saddened yesterby the news of the death of Mrs. Lincoln who had been ill but a ort time with the grip. A more exestimable lady will appear next week. The funeral will be held Thursday after-100n at 2 30.

Mrs. Clara Smith and daughter Amy Bethlehem, N. H., have been visiting at H. L. Parker's. Mrs. Josephine Carr. Mrs. Parker's sister, is now with her. Mrs. Flora Goss is stopping with her

ister, Mrs. Helen Ayers. Madame Wilmot is recovering from

her recent severe attack of pneumonia. The Universalist Sunday school bad a sociable and supper with a Christmas tree for the children Thursday evening. The Methodists had a tree and exercises the same evening, while the Congregationalists had their tree Friday even-

Mrs. Lilla Dow played the organ at the Universalist church Sunday in place of Miss Joslyn, who had gone to her home to spend Christmas,

Remember the next lecture in the course which comes Thursday evening, by Rev.

A unique entertainment is to be given in Music Hall, January 6, entitled "Samantha Allen at the Court of Fame." It is conducted by Miss Harris, who had charge of the "Living Whist," and is said to be even better than that. It is under he auspices of the Universalist Ladies' Aid, and deserves a full house.

William Loomis and Erton Shorey are ecent victims of the grip.

The village school had a two days' ecess on account of Christmas. The wedding of Miss Beryl Ayer to

Daniel J. Gregory takes place today. Fred Herring, who has been visiting in this vicinity, has returned to his home in Drummond, Montana.

Wesley Emerson spent the holidays at nome from his studies in Boston.

A branch of the Tabard Inn library has been put in Dr. Dwinell's store. This the popular circulating library of today, and Dr. Dwinell or his clerks will be glad to tell you all about it and how

The second annual ball of the Knights of Pythias takes place on the evening of anuary 1. Music by Mrs. Brock's orhestra from St. Johnsbury. Supper in the Knights' hall.

The regular meeting and installation of officers in the Eastern Star Chapter was held fuesday evening. A supper was served to the members at 6 o'clock.

WEST DANVILLE.

The recent big thaws have raised the water in many springs so there are not quite so many going to Joe's Pond for water as there was. The Pond has also raised about eight inches which is very encouraging.

and the tree was well loaded with presents both useful and ornamental and a general good time was enjoyed by all. We are having some old-fashioned win-

ter weather lately as mercury has registered for a week or more past at zero and several mornings as low as 25° below

A. J. Goss' stone shed shut down Thursday until Jan. 11, when the usua gang will be put to work again.

Mrs. Iane Goss died Priday morning very suddenly, although she had been in feeble health for two years or more with heart failure and dropsy. She was the widow of Albert Goss of Peacham, whom she survived about 15 years. She was a faithful wile and mother and her life was filled with good deeds both in her tamily and in the community in which she lived and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She died at the home of her son, Ashley J., in West Danville, where she had made it her home for about three years. The tuneral was held Sunday at the Methodist church, of which she had been a taithful member for many years, Rev. Jos. Hamilton officiating. The remains were taken to the family lot in Peacham cemetery for burial. She leaves our children, Mrs. May F. Woods, Ashley I., Frank A., and Bertha I., who were all present at the funeral, and who have the heart felt sympathy of the entire community.

GREENSBORO

Miss E. J. Lindsay visited in Craits bury over Sunday. There was a well filled Christmas tree

evening, and all who attended the exercises telt well repaid. Clayton Magoon is home from Man

chester, N. H., for a few days. James Palmer returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit in Boston.

The mercury has ranged from zero at noon to 30° below mornings and a keen wind on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Byron Wright of St Johnsbury visited

his sister, MIS. E. K. Hill, Christmas. Albert Comstock and wife of Montpelier spent part of last week at F. A. Goodrich's to help care for Mr. Lothrop,

who is tailing slowly. The Misses Lillian and Gertie Thornton are home from school at Montreal

for a few days and spent a portion of their vacation with their brother Roland at C. A. Goodrich's. Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Jackson visited in

Walden, Friday.

N. A. Ross and L. A. Jackson were in Albany, Saturday, on business.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. Flora Ball gave a Christmas party at her boarding place for the pupils of her school and their patents. The rooms were decorated with evergreen, and silver stars, also a tree loaded with presents for a l. The teacher received many presents from her pupils and friends. Exercises were given by the children, who acquitted themselves admirably. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was spent.

Supt. E E. Orcutt was in town last ruesday visiting s. hools.

PAST CAROT.

Ed. Drown of William town is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Martha White of South Ryegate is caring for her mother, Mis. Hugh Dunn, who is til with pneumonta. G. F. Preston of Danville was in town

Enterprise Grange held their annual neeting for the election of officers Dec. 19

and the newly elected offiers are: Master, W. L. Park.
Overseer, E. L. Hopkins.
Lecturer, Mrs. Emma Trefren.
Steward, Clyde Spencer.
Asst. Steward, Fred Ainsworth. Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Jones. Secretary, Carl Jones. Treas., E. B. Hopkins. Gatekeeper, Frank Treiren. Pomona, Miss Edith Mooney. Flora, Miss Hortense Mooney. Ceres, Miss Ida Hannett.

Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Helen Pope.

Church Notes. The Congregational Sunday school gave a Christmas concert at the church Christmas eve, but the rain and exceedingly icy roads and walks caused the audience to be rather small. The music was from a service entitled "The New Born Hope," and the service closed with some very pretty tableaux and a Christ-mas authem. The choruses were sung by the children assisted by the choir. Roy R. Gage sang a fine solo and Beatrice and Hortense Campion sang a very pleasing duct. Songs, exercises and recitations were all well given and the en-

tire program was very enjoyable. The tront of the church was prettily decorat-ed over and around a fire place, on which, during the exercises, some stockings were hung, and a Christmas tree gave up its truit to add to the happiness The Sunday school board of the Meth-odist church elected last Sunday the

following officers for the coming year: Supt., S. M. Farnum; sec. and treas.,

Mrs. Helen L. Thompson; librarian, Wells Quimby; organist, Miss Eva Wetherby, after which they adjourned one week to allow the superintendent to consult the scholars before nominating teachers. During the session of the Sunday school the names of 22 scholars were called and they were requested to step forward to receive the prize which was

offered by Mr. Farnum on the first Sunday in January for constant attendance at Sunday school during the year. It was found that seven scholars had been absent but once, seven others only twice, and four but three times, but these absences were all excused as they occurred in consequence of the presence of contagious diseases in the family, so that they were quarantined, or some equally good reason. The prize as originally offered was to have been a gold dollar made into a pin but owing to the impossibility of obtaining gold dollars a gold pin in the shape of a star engraved with the letters M. E. S. S. was substituted with the full consent of the scholars and to this was added a piece of money to make up the full value of the gold dollar. With great kindness and liberality Mr. Farnum also included four others who had been absent five times each but

present at Sunday school somewhere all but two of those days. After short remarks by several of the teachers and others letters were read from Rev. J. O. Sherburn and H. N. Turner of St. Johns-A very interesting program was given at the Christmas tree Thursday evening, bury and the prizes were awarded to the following scholars: Gifford Phillips, Blanch Bradley, Jennie Aldrich, Mary Brown, Ora Grant, Edith Bradley, Florence Farnum, Grace Kidder, Rose Chayer, Eunice Aldrich, Alice Kidder, Ida Thayer Lizzie Aldrich, Ruth Paris, Hiram Farnum, Eva Chayer, Florence Hough-

ton, Mildred Houghton, Willie Aldrich, Charlie Chayer, Clarence Brown, Bell

Chayer. The Methodist Sunday school observed Christmas by presenting in a very pleasing manner the service entitled "The Story that Never Grows Old." The church was filled to its utmost capacity, many standing through the entire service. The decorations were of evergreen and an arch stood upon the platform covered with evergreen and gilt stars and bore in gilt letters the words "Glory to God on High." Behind this was a large fire place surmounted by a brick chimney The choruses were sung in a spirited manner by nearly 50 children and young people who had been carefully drilled by N. L. Parker, Miss Eva Wetherby and Miss Hattie Gour. There were duets and a motion song by several little girls. The program was varied by exercises and recitations exceedingly well rendered and closing by an exercise by children representing the months of the year each bearing some emblem of its distinguishing characteristic. As December closed his remarks a roise of bells was heard and Santa Claus scrambled out of the fire-place to the great delight of all the children. The large and well filled Christmas tree which stood near was soon robbed of its truit and then about 100 bricks were taken off the chimney at the Presbyterian church Thursday and given to the members of the Sunday school, who found them filled with candy

> receiving. Harvey Kinne of Littleton visited his sister, Mrs. L. K Saett, Chiristmas day; Mr. and Mrs. Heman French spent Christmas with their son at St. Johnsbury; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Farnum are entertaining Miss Ida Bailey of the Salem, Mass., normal school, Reuben Goodwin of Dartmouth College and Charles Bailey of Peacham, through the holidays; Mrs Clara Bailey of Peacham was also at Mr. Farnum's Friday and Saturday; Mrs. Cornelia Trull is visiting at S. S. Matrocks' through the Christmas holidays; Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and children, also Tracy Phillips of Lyadonville were at Capt.

and peanuts. The others and teachers

ach received presents from the classes

and all were made happy in giving and

S. Thompson's Christmas day. Miss Rose Brown has finished her school at Sutton and is at home. Some of the young people from this place went up to attend some exercises of her school in connection with a Christmas tree,

Wednesday evening. Melvin Berry has moved from the tenement at Scott Furnum's residence to the old Goodell nouse on Chapel street. Andy Robinson and Miss Rosa Beck were married at David Young's last week

Tuesday, Rev. Mr. McDougal officiating. They are to live on a farm in Kirby. Sunday morning the thermomenters recorded 22° below zero and several days the temperature has been below z ro all day. Tre slight thaw of Thurs day raised the streams for a short time

The schools in this village havehad an intermission from Thursday till Tuesday morning and the teachers went to their various homes to enjoy Christmas.

Solid cocoanut oil (cocoa butter), being cheaper than laid, is much used in Hungarian kitchens, especially for making sweet pastry. The importations of this Alvin Dunn was in Harvey Saturday. oil into Hui gary amount to over 2,000, Will Dunn was at home over Sunday. 000 pounds a year.

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PEACHAM. The Christmas gathering at Academy Hall Thursday evening was well at-tended and the cantata, "The Crowning of Christmas," by the children of the Congregational Sunday school, was well rendered. The children sang the praises of different holidays of the year in order, but finally decided that Christmas was best, and John Varnum, their Santa Claus, was crowned by Verna Jennison. Then their Christmas tree with its many gifts furnished entertainment for the remainder of the evening.

The Methodist Sunday school had a tree with appropriate exercises, Friday

The oyster supper which was appointed for January 1st has been postponed for a few weeks.

The school at the academy closed Thursday noon for one week, and Prot. Burrage went the last of the week to Weston, Mass., to spend the vacation with his mother.

Prof. and Mrs. Nelson Whitehill from White River Junction are spending their vacation at Latayette Strobridge's.

Miss Eliza A. Adams from Malone, N. Y. diss Agnes Bayley from Framingham, Mass., Miss Sara A. Bailey from Cambridge, Mass., Miss Elsie Hooker from Mt. Holvoke College, Miss Susie Blauchard from Haverhill, N. H., are spending their vacation in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunter from Montreal have been spending the week at Mr. Lawrence's home at East Peacham. The Methodist roll call and annual dinner will be held at the Methodist ves-

Natt Trussell and his brother Will, from East Peacham, are working at East Barnet. The former came home Thursday and Jack Hunt came from Newark, N. J., Monday night.

Charles A. Clark, who is in business at South Ryegate spent Christmas at the home of his uncle, L. Strobridge. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Edwards from

East Peacham entertained their family friends Christmas. Thursday evening Miss Janie Blanch-

ard entertained about 15 of her friends. Mrs. Moses Wesson and daughter from Danville are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sargent at East Peacham. Charles Bailey and Miss Ida Bailey

are spending his vacation and part of hers at Lyndonville. Read Stiles' proposition on eighth page

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BARNET.

Some of the friends of the late B. F Stevens of London, England, have received copies of his life, a book just published in London. A copy also was sent to the town library as Mr. Stevens was tormerly a Barnet man. Miss Lillian Robie is teaching school

at North Mooroe, N. H.

On Friday afternoon there was a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse with appropriate exercises by the children, under the auspices of the teachers, Miss Duncan and Miss Gibson. Sherburn Moore and wife, Harry

Moore and family and Ira Aibre and

wire and daugater spent Christmas at Johnsbury at the home of Fred E Miss Robina Laughlin was at St. Johnsbury for Christmas with her brother,

William Perry. Mrs. Kay and two children from Wing Road, N. H., Henry Cowles and baby from Lyndonville, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent from Woodsville, comprised a Christmas par y at the nome of Chandler Whiting. with a tree in the evening.

A Christmas dinner was served at the home of Dr. H. J. Hazelton and there was a tree in the evening for the ch laren The guests at dinner were Dr. Robert Hezelton, wife and two daughters from Lebanon N. H : Mrs. Bertua Hazelton Grailan from Beebe Plain; Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and daughter from McIndoe; Miss Laura Moore, Miss Caroline Sco t and J S. T. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. French from St. his mother, Mrs. Thompson, at Bethle Johnsbury were at the home of W. S. Brock, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ranney from St. Johnsbury were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy, Christmas day. Rev. J. K. Kilbourn and family spent

Christmas at Bradford with his brother, Rev. Henry Kilbourn. Miss Margaret Willey from Portland, Me., came home for Christmas to attend the wedding of her friend, Miss Martha

Duncan, of Monroe, N. H. R. H. Laughlin and family were at the Laughlin home for Christmas. Mrs. Martin and daughter from Plain-

field and Arthur Emery and wie from Boston spent Christmas with Mrs. Jane Martin. Read Stiles' proposition on eighth page

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HARVEY. John McGill visited at Robert Steele's in East Peacham last week.

W. T. Dunn was at J. L. Frye's Friday. Allen Bartlett has two teams drawing Danville.

James Craig has moved his family to L. A Paquen's and is to work there this winter. Will Woodward and wi'e visited at

I, C. Peck's in Peacham this week. John McGill is at home from West Newton, Mass., for a short visit; also Miss Mary is home from Portland. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frye were in East

Cabot Monday, to visit her mother, Mrs. Hugh Dunn, who is very ill with pneu-L. A. Paquin and son are making arrangements to do an extensive job in lumbering this winter and are soon to

er ct a steam mill. They have purchased one lot of Charles Williams besides having a lot on their farm. They have several choppers who begin work this week.

There was a very pleasant wedding at Mrs. Ella Hatch's the evening of Dec. 25. when her daughter, Miss Flossie A. Hatch, and George C. Greer were united by the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, a' tew friends being present. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes,

EAST BURKE.

Ralph Parker has returned to St. Johnsbury after spending a few days with his wife.

Mrs. Merton Vance is gaining slowly. Frank Fairbanks of Watertown, Mass., pent Sunday at John Dashney's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffords are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. D. Webster. Mrs. Nellie Caswell and friend have

been spending a lew days with her Robert Wilson is not as well and bis

brothers have been called here to help care for him. Miss Habelle Gaskill of St. Johnsbury

is visiting at Dwight Lawton's. Everybody is cordially invited to the New Year's dinner at the Congregational

church vestry, Jan. 1. Mrs. Vernon James had the misfortune to break a needle off in one of her fing rs last week.

NORTH DANVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Varnum and son Guy of Burlington spent Christmas with relatives about here. B. G. Varnum has been on the sick lis

for a few days. F. D. Hubbard of Hardwick spent Sunday at his father's, D. W. Hubbard. Mrs. C. E. Green is ill.

Miss Sadie Blake spent Christmas at er home in Sutton. Mess Sadie Smith is home from John

on or the holiday vacation.

St. Johnsbury.

Miss Gladys Smith, who has been ill for several months, is now gaining quite rapidly. L. Marie and daughter, Miss Henrietta, spent Christmas at O H. Stevens' from

LOWER WATERFORD.

Mrs. Celia Bailey is ill with the grip. Miss Clara Goss spent Christmas with her parents at Lyndonville. Charles Philipps spent Christmas with

The young people are rehearing a drama to be given in the near future.

Christmas visitors in town were: Mr and Mrs. S. J. Morrison, Will Morrison, Anna Carter, of St. Johnsbury; Willis Bradshaw of Lyndon; Mrs. Carter and sons of Lyman, N. H.; M. L. Green and Mrs. C. S. Thomas of St. Johnsbury; Mrs. Inez Clark, Bradford; Mrs. Horace Cutting and son, Concord.

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Samuel Richardson from Harvard came home last week to stay through the holidays.

Mrs. Moulton from Worcester is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Gilfillan.

There was a large family gathering at . E. Gilfillan's Christmas to eat dinner with them. The guests rom out of town were Carlos Gilfilian from West Burke; Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bingham from West Concord and George Garvin and v trom Danville

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Brown spent Christmas at George Richardson's.

There were new officers chosen in the Sunday school last Sunday, Nelson resigned as superintendent and . R. Galbraith takes his place. Mrs. L. E Gilfillan was chosen assistant superintendent and Anna Bailey secretary and treasurer.

Ross Fernsworth came home from

Westminister to spend Christmas. A large number enjoyed the Christmas exercises by the children and young people which were excellent. The trees were well loaded with presents for old

and young. Remember the box supper and promenade by the Village Improvement society next Thursday evening.

SOUTH WHEELOCK

Miss Rose Jeffers of St. Johnsbury spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffers. Mrs. W. W. Bean has been quite sick

for the past week. Last Wednesday evening about 50 of the friends and neighbors of C. J. Mooney called upon him to remind him that be had passed another milestone. A very pleasant evening was spent by all. They

lett Mr. Mooney a gold lined shaving mug. Fred Rodgers and Frank Laraby have finished work for George Jenkins and returned home.

Jerry Buckley and lady of Craftsbury and Bern Gerry of Lyndonville spent Christmas in town.

Frank McGovern, who has been in the west in the interests of the O. H. Mig. Co. for the past few months, has returned and is stopping with his father, Charles McGovern.

Mrs. George Nelson, Grace Beattie, Mrs. John Nutt and A. E. Weed are all sick with the mumps.

McDowell and Rennie are filling the new mill yard on the Daniels place with logs, where A. E. Weed expects to move his mill in the spring to saw them out. Mr. and Mrs G. K. Goss of S. Johns bury spent Sunday at W. W. Bean's.

HARDWICK.

Michael Phelps, a stone-culter, was crushed and instantly killed yesterday by a dog slipping off a stone and crushing him between two stones. The stone weighed about 15 tons. The doctor was called but life was extinct when he arrived. The deceased is a well known popular young man and the community is saddened by his sudden death. Mr Phelps is survived by a wife, who has the sympathy of all.

DANVILLE.

George Sholes of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days at Stephen D.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, about 30 riends of Fred and Eudie Badger called on them at the home of their father, A. R. Badger, and spent the evening in a pleasant social manner.

Monday evening, Dec. 22, about 40 home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stanton, and spent the evening. Popcorn | the country that did.

and candy were served and the even-

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Daring Robbery.

On Tuesday of last week Frank Morrison and Stephen Frost, charged with robbing John Day, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Coffrin. It seems that Day, according to his own story, had the wind that would not come to help bought a quantity of whiskey of Morrius on. I have often wondered what son and Frost and bad been encouraged by them to drink an amount which atterwards proved to be altogether too much for his best interests. Day was then taken out of the village by his sup-posed boon companions and led some distance down the railroad where the three were discovered by Mr. Coffrin very roughly spoken to by a captain in who had been over to "Little Italy" on the Irish channel for casually whistling official business. Mr. Coffrin upon inquiling the reason of Day's being with them in such a condition, was informed by Morrison and Frost that he was only a triend that had been drinking and that they had taken him down there to cool him off. After Mr. Coffrin had driven the kamudi screwed his face up into away, our heroes led their victim back to an intensely ludicrous expression of the village and from there drove to the feigned passion and whistled angrily farm of Frank Corruth, where, behind for the wind to come, for the Malay the barn, as Day alleges, they threw a borse blanket over his head and after beating him brutally relieved him of forty-five dollars, and then drove hastily away leaving him bruised and chilled on the snow, but sufficiently recovered from a favorable breeze sprang up, and by his drunkenness to realize all that had sunrise we were passing the little is-

With no small difficulty Day made his J. Hickson in "A Naturalist In North way to the village where he was lodged in the lock up, and fined for intoxication. He then entered a complaint against Morrison and Frost, claiming among other things that they had stolen his grip. Mr. Coffrin after inquiring of Morrison in regard to the grip, tound the article behind Corruth's barn, and saw in the snow evidences of a lively strug- ber of a British consulate was sent to gle. Morrison afterwards delivered up thirty dollars that he had taken; but Day claims that he had forty-five dollars before this experience and his story is corroborated by others who had seen him count his money at his boarding

Home Wedding.

It was a quiet home wedding that oc-curred at the Baptist parsonage, Dec. 22, when the pastor's daughter, Miss Eva A. Clough, was united in marriage to Guy Edwin Speare of Randolph, the bride's father performing the ceremony. Only about four months ago this family circle was broken by the sudden death of sumed a convenient tone, and after a Mrs. Clough, consequently the wedding bit Li, with a humorous smile, beckpassed off with very little gayety, only the family being present. Mr. Speare, oned the young man to come up higher and sit down beside him. They soon who was the popular and successful prinbecame excellent friends.-London Men cipal of the high school for about two years, now has a good position at West Lebanon, N. H. The bride is a talented young lady, a graduate of Vermont Academy and a teacher of several years' experience, who will, no doubt, render valuable assistance to Mr. Speare in his chosen profession.

The couple were the recipients of many valuable presents, and have the best wishes of a host of friends, here and else-

Death of Mrs. Ricker.

at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Moses Whitebill, Thursday, at the age of 91 vears. She was born in this town November 14, 1812, and lived on the farm it is brutal sometimes, but it is alw on which she was born until within the sincere. It directs against the citadels past 12 years. She was married to Or son Ricker, December 6, 1829, and they lived together 58 years, his ceath oc curring December 10, 1887, at the age ot 81 years. Their golden wedding was celebrated in 1879. Thirteen children were born to them, 10 sons and three daughters, 8 of whom are living: Mrs. Elizabeth Melville of Money Creek, Minu; William Ricker of Woodsville; Isaac and Berjamin R. of Groton; Nathan R. of Ryegate; Mrs. M. H. Whitehill of Groton; Harvey Ricker of Minneapolis; Charles Ricker of Groton, Mrs. Ricker was a remarkably well preserved lady, taking entire charge of her own business affairs up to the time of her death; doing considerable fancy work with very rare use of glasses, and retaining all her faculties during her lifetime. She was the last surviving charter member of the Methodist church of this town, and her funeral was conducted at the church Sunday by Rev. G. W. Clough, who spoke from a text selected by Ricker: the first verse of the 23d Psalm. Music was turnished by a quartet consisting of Mrs. E. E. Darling, Miss Ida Clough, Rev. G. W. Clough and H. J. Kemp. All of the children were present at the funeral but two, who are in the west; also four great grandchildren; and she leaves 25 grand children and 11 great grand children. Mrs. Ricker was a lady esteemed by everyone, as her life was devoted to the good of those ad about her, and the untiring care she ever had for her children was returned by them in her old age. The family, the church and the community, have lost a

mother and friend. Christmas at the churches passed off pleasantly and successfully. The exercises in the Methodist church were on Thursday evening and those in the Bap tist church on Friday evening. Both churches were sa 'etrliy decorated and the children performed their part in a very creditable manuer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fletcher and Miss Thresa Jean Cochrane, accompanied by several triends from Boston, are spending the holidays at the home of Alexander Cochran.

The Ideal entertainers will be at Hatch

hall on the evening of Dec. 30th, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. The Knights of Pythias will hold their weekly meeting in their tew tall for the first time tonignt.

There is mourning in a certain tamily at Newport, N. H. For 20 years one lamp chimney has been working every evening on the sitting-room table. Last week it was broken.

There is no business in the world that grows half so tast as the postal money order system. Last year its total business increased at the rate of \$1 000,000 a week. The money order department will handle next week \$1 000 000 more than it handled last wick. It loses by fraud less than \$1000 a year. It showed its regular annual increase in the period friends of Miss Bessie Stanton called at the of financial depression from 1893 to 1897-perhaps the only large business in

Whistling For Wind.

No sooner had we rounded the cape than the wind dropped and we nearly came to a standstill. Our "kamudi"i. e., captain and steersman-did the best he could do for us, but in vain. We were doomed to drift about some hours without much progress. He would whistle softly and enticingly or would change his tone and with pouted lips whistle angrily and viciously for can have been the origin of whistling for the wind. That the custom is of undoubted practical utility is the firm belief of many races of seafarers, from the English sea captain to the humble in a gale of wind. He thought it a piece of gross carelessness on my part which might lead to serious consequences. Here in Celebes, too, I was warned to be careful not to laugh when seaman's belief in the efficacy of this mode of raising the wind is a serious one and will not brook being made an object of derision. Soon after midnight lands of Ganga and Tindela.-Sidney

Shouted as Loud as Li.

Celebes."

There was much rudeness in Li Hung Chang's manner, but if he was answered back in his own coin he melted into graciousness. Once a junior meminterview the viceroy on some matter. In the vast audience hall he found no one to receive him, so he took a chair near the door. Eventually Li and his following appeared at the other end of place the night before.

Bail for Morrison and Frost was fixed at five hundred dollars each for their ap
the hall on some lofty seats, and the viceroy started shouting to him in the difficult Anhui accent. To the utter the hall on some lofty seats, and the pearance before the county court at its dumfounding of every one present, contrary to all principles of Chinese etiquette, the young Englishman shouted back his answer in the same loud. rough voice as far as he could imitate it in which Li had spoken to him. Every one in the suit was stricken with horror. Even Li started and spoke lower. Gradually the conversation as-

and Women.

A Defense of Slang. So far from being an evidence of a national levity and lack of seriousness slang is the language of sincerity. It is the result of an instinctive effort to get as far away as possible from everything like pretentiousness. It is the antipodes of bathos. It is the language of the whole people, because it is expressive of the national sense of Mrs. Lydia Taisey Ricker, who for the hast year has been in failing health, died it contemplates with a joy likewise unutterable the spectacle presented by a fake exposed. It is blunt, it is crude, of evil the mighty enginery of laughtter. It does for our nascent abuses what the mordant satire of Martial and Juvenal failed to do for decadent Rome.-Professor Herman Spencer in

Booklovers' Magazine.

His Study of the Heart. ' In his memoirs Adolf Kussmaul relates a curious story of a Heidelberg banker. This banker was known for his haughty, forbidding manners; consequently Dr. Nuhn, the professor of anatomy, was much surprised one day when the banker came and sat with him in a railway car and, after a pleasant chat, asked him all sorts of questions, especially about the anatomy of the heart. The next day he even called by permission in the medical department and watched the professor dissecting one of those organs. Then he drove home, and a few hours later it became known that he had committed suicide by skillfully plunging a dagger

into his heart.

A Family Picture. Copley, the English painter, was commissioned by a wealthy Bristol merchant to paint the latter and his wife. "But I want to have my deceased wife introduced as well," he said. The order was filled, but soon after the patron, half in mourning, half in wedding splendor, hurried into the studio, "I have had the misfortune to lose my second wife," declared he. "I wish to have included in the portrait the lady who now takes the head of my table."

The three wives are in the picture.

"Why, yes; my boy is quite ingenious-in fact, he is so interested in machinery that I'm afraid he may become an inventor."

"Yes; because, you know, if he should invent anything of value the chances are a hundred to one that somebody else will make all the money out of it."-Judge.

Wanted the Limit.

Jones-If Mr. Oldboy makes any such assertion I will denounce him as a liar. President-Mr. Jones, I call you to order. Our bylaws do not allow you to go that fac.

Jones-Then I call Mr. Oldboy a liar as far as it is permitted by the bylaws of this association.

A Historic Spot.

Husband-Are you aware, my dear, that on this grassy spot began a war that lasted ten years?

Wife-Why, John, it was here that you proposed to me. Husband - Exactly; just ten years